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The many national Sections or Chapters of the Association have been urged to present, in concise books, the high points of their legal system. Though these books were originally written in French, they are now being translated into English so that they will be accessible to English-speaking audiences.

All the books translated into English follow the original French text as well as a standard format. In this way, the books expose the reader to the fundamental features and foundations of a variety of legal systems that make up what has become known as “continental law.”

In all English versions of the books, the editors have attempted to use, where appropriate, the same civil or continental law terminology, and to adopt as simple and straightforward an English language as possible. In other words, these books are meant to make accessible the legal systems of continental law countries, states or provinces to as large a readership as possible.

The guiding purpose behind this Series is to present a comparative law survey of a variety of legal systems in such a way that the reader will be able to cross the confining frontiers of his own legal

system to better understand it and to find in other legal systems reasons and grounds to modify and, possibly, to improve its own legal system.

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